

414th Base Support Battalion APO AE 09165



POLICY NO: 5-9 PROPONENT: AETV-HUB-EH DATE: 26 JUN 2001

SUBJECT: Control of Pets in Government Housing Areas

1. References:

a. Army Regulation 210-50, Housing Management, 26 February 1999.

b. USAREUR Regulation 210-50, Housing Management, 25 August 1992.

c. 104th Area Support Group, Housing Management SOP, 15 March 1999.

2. Purpose:

- a. Define command policy and responsibilities of residents of military housing regarding pets.
- b. Establish policies and procedures, which will promote safe, secure, healthy, harmonious and cooperative community living.
- 3. Applicability: This policy applies to all residents of military family housing (including government/leased quarters) within the $414^{\rm th}$ Base Support Battalion area.

4. Policy:

- a. Owners of pets in all government owned or controlled housing areas will ensure they register their pets within two weeks acquisition or arrival in command with the servicing military veterinarian clinic. All pets will wear their registration tags secured to their collars. Rabies vaccinations must be accomplished as prescribed by Army Regulations.
- b. Pets will be controlled in a manner so as not to become a public nuisance or menace. Any pet determined to be a menace will be removed from government quarters or the occupant will be required to send his/her pet home.

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c. German laws impose strict liabilities on animal owners or keepers for any damage to public or private property or personal injury caused by pets. Liability insurance is appropriate for all pet owners, however, recommend legal advice be sought before purchase.

- d. German laws have imposed restrictions on certain breeds of dogs. Please consult the proper authorities (i.e. MP, veterinarian or clinic) to obtain information on any special requirements for your pets.
- e. Operations of kennels are prohibited within this community.
- f. No more than two dogs or two cats or a combination of these per dwelling unit are allowed in government quarters.
- g. Pets are not allowed on playgrounds. Owners will not allow their pets to urinate or defecate within the confines of playgrounds.
- h. Pets will be kept on a leash when outside the owner's apartment. Pets known to bite will be muzzled and kept on a short leash when outdoors. Pets will be accompanied by the owner or representative capable of controlling the animal at all times.
- i. Pets will be removed from the immediate vicinity (50 feet) of the housing area when they are being exercised. Owners will pick up pet excrements immediately and dispose of it properly. This includes the droppings of those animals being walked in the authorized walking areas.
- j. Unattended pets are not allowed on balconies unless the owner is present and can control the animal. Pets will not be tied to stairwells, railings, pipes, or trees and left unattended.
- 5. Complaints of improper control of pets will be forwarded to the military police and the AST Commander for resolution. Copies of formal complaints will be provided to the owner's commanding officer for necessary action.
- 6. Proponent for this policy is the Chief, Housing Division, Directorate of Public Works, 414th BSB, DSN 322-8982.

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7. This policy letter supersedes Commander's Policy 5-9, 27 July 1999.

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